

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of various of the claims, as being unpatentable in view of the prior art, as detailed extensively in the outstanding Office Action.

However, applicants gratefully note the Examiner's indication that at least Claims 8-14, 27 and 28 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form or made dependent from an allowable base claim.

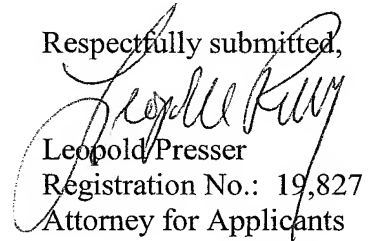
Accordingly, in full compliance with the Examiner's requirements and in order to place the application into substantial order for allowance, applicants herewith present new and amended claims, wherein newly amended independent Claim 1 includes the limitations of Claim 8, and intervening Claims 3 and 6, thereby presenting allowable subject matter.

Furthermore, amended independent Claim 21 incorporates the subject matter of allowable Claim 27, and the intervening Claim 25; whereas a third new independent Claim 29 comprises the subject matter of allowable Claim 28, rewritten in independent form and with further dependent claims being presented in conjunction therewith.

Accordingly, inasmuch as all of the claims being presented herewith conform to the claims considered to be allowable by the Examiner in the Office Action, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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